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\$14,500 Settlement Reached with Thunderbolt Wood Treating Company, Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with Thunderbolt Wood Treating Company, Inc. (TWTCI) for hazardous waste violations at its 3400 Patterson Road facility in Riverbank, Stanislaus County.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on October 8, 2004, TWTCI will pay a total of \$14,500 to DTSC, of which \$13,740.14 is a penalty and \$759.86 is for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC web site at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Thunderbolt/Thunderbolt_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during an inspection at the facility on March 4, 2004. The violations noted were:

- Storing hazardous waste onsite beyond 90 days without a permit or variance issued by DTSC
- Storing hazardous waste in containers determined to be in poor condition

Also under terms of the Order, TWTCI must send two employees to the California Compliance School to complete hazardous waste training. CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. Certificates of satisfactory completion of CCS must be sent to DTSC by TWTCI within 185 days of the effective date of the Order. If the certificates are not received within 185 days, TWTCI must pay DTSC an additional \$5,000 penalty within 30 days of the expiration of the 185 day period.

TWTCI has corrected all violations noted in the Order.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.